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COMMUNICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is being submitted in response to the Office Action, dated September 10, 2007, in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the Office Action was originally due December 10, 2007. Applicants hereby Petition for a three-month extension of time for filing a response. The Petition fee is submitted herewith. With the granting of the Petition a response is now due March 10, 2008 and this Communication is being timely filed.